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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wells (U.S. Patent No. 5,003,300). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims (as amended) are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Figure 5 of Wells illustrates head display 8D having a clipping device 37D. Clipping device 37D is attached to eyeglass 36. A remote signal source 34 receives audio and video information.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely;

. . . wherein said clip has a joint portion for moving arbitrarily said display device, said clip for attaching said display device to said another object is alternatively used for sitting with said display device on said another object.

As shown in Applicant's Figure 5, display device 1 has a clip portion 12. Clip portion 12 allows display device 1 to be attached to bedside rail 5. Clip portion 12 thus becomes immovable by being attached to bedside rail 5. LCD display 11, however, is arbitrarily movable relative to clip portion 12 at joint portion 13. This is described in Applicant's originally filed application at page 4, lines 9-11. This feature is useful when a user is in a hospital, or in the bed of his home.

Main body 2 has hook portion 22. Furthermore, speaker unit 3 has hook portion 30 in the rear. Display device 1 can stand by itself by placing the planer service of the clip portion 12 on a surface. In this manner, display device 1 can sit on furniture, such as a desk, without being hooked. Also, main body 2 and directional speaker 3 each have structures for standing on a surface such as a table.

Thus, Wells lacks Applicant's claimed feature of a clip for attaching a display device to an object or for the sitting of the display device on the object. Also, Wells lacks Applicant's claimed feature of a joint portion in the clip for arbitrary movement of the display device. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Wells.

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Claim 4 is patentable by virtue of its dependency on allowable claim 1.

Claims 2 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bjorklund, et al. It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over Bjorklund for the reasons set forth below.

Bjorklund discloses a wearable computer 113 that includes belt clip 70 to attach to belt 20 while a user holds display package 195. Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 2, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

. . . wherein said clip has a joint portion for moving arbitrarily said display device, said clip for attaching said display device to set another object is alternatively used for sitting with said display device on said another object.

Again, Applicant's clip portion 12 can attach to a bedside rail 5 as shown in Applicant's Figure 5. Alternatively, the substantially plainer surface of clip portion 12 can be placed on a surface such as a desk. This is different than Bjorklund where a user wears a computer. Bjorklund discloses nothing about a clip which serves the dual function of clipping to an object and being usable for placement on a surface. Accordingly, claim 2 is patentable over Bjorklund.

Claims 5-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wells in view of Poon, et al. Claims 5-7, however, include all the features of claim 1 from which they depend. Thus, claims 5-7 are patentable over the art of record.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bjorklund in view of Carroll. Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bjorklund in view of Carroll and Poon. These claims, however, include all the features of claim 2 from which they depend. Thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth above.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 3, 8, 10, 12, and 14.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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